

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

April 28, 2021

By authority of AS 08.84.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6,
the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board held a
videoconference/teleconference meeting from Juneau, AK

**These are DRAFT minutes prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations, Business, and
Professional Licensing. These minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the board.**

Tuesday, April 28, 2021

Agenda 1 – Call to Order

Keith Poorbaugh, Physical Therapist and Chair of the of the State Physical Therapy and
Occupational Therapy Board called the teleconference meeting to order on April 28, 2021 at 1:02
p.m. This meeting was public noticed in the Anchorage Daily News and the Online Public Notice on
March 15, 2021.

Voice Roll Call Vote:

Robert Calhoon, Occupational Therapist
Enlow Walker - Secretary, Physician
Lisa Radley, Physical Therapist
Rebecca Dean, Public Member
Jodi Pfeiffer, Physical Therapy Assistant
Keith Poorbaugh – Chair, Physical Therapist

Nathan Missler, Occupational Therapist; approved absence.

Staff: Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist
Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner
Logan Bugayong, Licensing Examiner

Public present telephonically: Lisa Reischach, PT

Mr. Poorbaugh welcomed the newest board member both Jodi Pfeiffer and Logan Bugayong as staff.

This meeting was called to discuss the proposed regulations and review any written public
comment for these regulations as well as other board business.

Agenda 2 – Discuss Chair Position

The Board voted via an OnBoard ballot March 19, 2021 for Keith Poorbaugh to be chair of the
Board. For historical records a Board motion is required.

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50 **MOTION BY CALHOUN, SECOND BY PFEIFFER, TO APPOINT KEITH POORBAUGH AS CHAIR**
51 **OF THE STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD. VOICE ROLE**
52 **CALL: CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH.**
53 **ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.**
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55 **Agenda 3 – Approve Agenda**
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57 The Board was asked to review the agenda for this meeting.
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59 **MOTION BY WALKER, SECOND BY CALHOON, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS DRAFTED.**
60 **VOICE ROLE CALL: CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH.**
61 **ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.**
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63 Poorbaugh stated motion passed and agenda approved as drafted.
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65 **Agenda 4 – HB99**
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67 House Bill 99 was introduced by Representative Cayman. The Board voted via an OnBoard ballot March
68 9, 2021 for Keith Poorbaugh to represent the Alaska State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
69 Board in support of HB99. For historical records a Board motion is required.
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71 **ON MOTION BY PFEIFFER, SECONDED BY WALKER, TO APPROVE KEITH POORBAUGH AS THE**
72 **REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD FOR HB99. VOICE ROLE CALL VOTE: CALHOON, WALKER,**
73 **RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH. ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.**
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75 The Board discussed the need to determine who will work on the regulations that will come from
76 passage of HB99.
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78 **ON A MOTION BY WALKER, SECOND BY RADLEY TO APPROVE REBECCA DEAN AND JODI**
79 **PFEIFFER TO WORK AS A COMMITTEE ON DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER**
80 **AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. VOICE ROLE CALL: CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER**
81 **AND POORBAUGH. ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.**
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83 Poorbaugh affirmed both Dean and Pfeiffer were approved to work as a committee on draft regulations
84 if HB99 passes this session.
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86 TASK: Staff will need to arrange the dates the committee would public notice each meeting.
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88 **Agenda 5 – Review Regulations and written Public Comment**
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90 Mr. Poorbaugh confirmed all board members had read the written public comment for the
91 regulations and discussion progressed based on the concern and the draft regulations. A key topic
92 was that the current draft gives the most flexibility for the patient to choose how they prefer to
93 receive care. It was noted these changes are in direct reflection of the pandemic and telehealth is
94 here to stay. People who need hands on care will still go to the provider for in person services,
95 those who can be coached in their exercises via telehealth will choose so. Board members agreed
96 that they would continue with the regulation project as it was public noticed.

Staff shared that the FSBPT is no longer going to implement the new TOEFL scores in the exam process but they still recommend the exam scores which are part of this regulation project.

MOTION BY DEAN, SECOND BY PFEIFFER, IN CONSIDERING PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND NO ADDITIONAL COST TO PRIVATE PERSONS, I MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS 12 AAC 54.030, 12 AAC 54.040, 12 AAC 54.080, 12AAC 54.510, 12 AAC 54.530, 12 AAC 54.810; 12 AAC 54.825 AS WRITTEN AND PUBLICLY NOTICED. VOICE ROLE CALL: CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH. ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.

TASKS: Poorbaugh to sign the certification order and mail to the Juneau office. Staff to sign the affidavit of board action.

Staff to forward the motion and board decisions back to Jun Maiquis to proceed with this regulation project. The Public Notice recap of this regulation project will be attached to the minutes.

Agenda 6 – Discuss other Bills

The Board did not discuss any other legislation.

Agenda 7 – Review Draft Transition Manual

Board members agreed to keep moving forward with the staff/board member transition manual. Jodi Pfeiffer volunteered to work with staff Petz over the coming months. Two items to include in the manual are sample motions and investigative processes.

Agenda 8 – Discuss Legislative Sunset Audit

Mr. Poorbaugh stated the legislative fieldwork for the sunset audit review is now complete. If all goes well their findings could be presented to the Legislature in 2022 for a vote and hopefully they will approve the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board to continue.

Agenda 9 - Motion for DELEGATES for FSBPT annual meeting

Board members Jodi Pfeiffer, was selected by the Board to attend and represent the Alaska board at the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) annual meeting October 22-23, 2021. No staff will be assigned to the October meeting until a new hire is confirmed.

MOTION BY DEAN, SECONDED BY CALHOON, TO APPROVE AS PRIMARY VOTING DELEGATE JODI PFEIFFER, TO REPRESENT THE ALASKA STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD AT THE FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DELEGATE ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 22-23, 2021 ANNUAL MEETING AND APPROVE JODI PFEIFFER TO ATTEND THE MAY 10, 2021 LIAISON VIRTUAL DINNER. VOICE ROLE CALL: CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH. ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.

Staff will inform the FSBPT the primary voting delegate is Jodi Pfeiffer.

Agenda 10 – Other Discussion/Task Follow Up

Board members were reminded to mark their calendars for the October 7-8, 2021 board meeting. It was noted it likely will be a virtual meeting.

Agenda 11 – Adjourn Meeting

The board, having no further business, adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Date:

Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner

Keith Poorbaugh, Chair
Physical Therapist

ATTACHED: Public Notice recap of proposed regulation changes.